Leave to officers without substantive posts.

137. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Financial Secretary to Government has issued any order or circular to the Water Works and Drainage Engineer on the 18th July 1937, regarding the grant of leave to officers without substantive appointments; and

(*b*) whether they would place on the table a copy of F. L. 5400, Huzur dated 18th July 1937?

MR. K. J. CHERIYAN (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A *copy of the order is placed on the table.

Extension of the Koottikal road to the Marapattikadavu.

138. *MR. K. P. KOCHUKORATHARAKAN (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) how many years it is since the people and their representatives began to clamour for the construction of a road from the first mile of the Koottikal road to the Marapattikadavu in the Periyar, *viz.*, the front side of the Vendoor Church,

(*b*) whether they have taken any action in the matter, and if so, what;

(*c*) whether they have received petitions stating that the people have constructed the road and that the Government should take it over; and

(*d*) if so, whether any action has been taken in the matter and its nature?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) About 10 years.

(*b*) An investigation has been made.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) An endorsement has been given to the petitioners that the road can be taken under departmental maintenance only when it satisfies the conditions of the ryots roads rules.

Bridge on the Perumbavoor-Alwaye Road.

139. *MR. K. P. KOCHUKORATHARAKAN: With reference to the construction of the bridge at the 1st mile embankment on the Perumbavoor-Alwaye road, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the names of the persons who submitted tenders for the construction of the bridge, as also the total amounts proposed by each of them in the tenders;

(*b*) whom, among those who submitted the tenders, the Executive Engineer, Alwaye, recommended for the work;

(*c*) if the work was not assigned to the person recommended, to whom and for what special reason was the same given; and

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Construction of a cross road to connect the Ayacaud-Otakkali road with The Kuruppampadi-Kootikal road.

155. ✻ **MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they received any petition from the inhabitants of Kottapadi and other *karas* for the construction of a cross road to connect Ayacaud-Otakkali road with Kuruppampadi-Koottikal road ; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken by the Government in the matter ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The P. W. D. has instructions to take up the investigation of the line in the order of urgency when compared to other such works.

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Appendix I.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 137..**

Letter F. L. 5400 dated 18-7-1937 from the Financial Secretary to Government to the Water Works and Drainage Engineer to Government.

With reference to your letter No. 228 dated 6-5-1937 regarding the grant of leave to officers without substantive appointments in your Department, I have the honour to inform you that Government have been pleased to sanction the Heads of Departments being authorised to relax the restriction in Articles 165 and 209 of the Travancore Service Regulations in regard to the filling of the leave vacancy, in the case of persons in continuous service for long periods of two years or more, in the Public Works Department, *viz.*, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation, Water Works and Drainage and Electrical Departments, if the total eave taken at one time does not exceed one month, in other cases sanction of Government being applied for in hard cases.

(True Copy)

(Sd.)

For Financial Secretary to Government.